

Remarks

Claim 1, 10 and 11 are cancelled and claims 2 and 4 to 7 are amended. Claims 2 to 9 are pending in this application of which only claim 2 is in independent format.

Applicant's attorney thanks Examiner Burch for the telephone interview held on June 23, 2005 and for her assistance with respect to the advisory action. It was mutually agreed that claims 2, 3 and 9 are in condition for allowance as they appear in the non-entered amendment filed on April 27, 2005.

Accordingly, applicant herewith resubmits his amendment with claims 2, 3 and 9 in allowable form and cancels herein rejected claims 1, 10 and 11. Claims 3 to 7 are amended to make the same dependent directly or indirectly from claim 2 and claim 8 is dependent from claim 7.

The reasons advanced with respect to the claims' objection and the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are included hereinafter so that they will be of record.

In paragraph 1 of the final action, claims 2, 3 and 9 were objected to for informalities regarding recitations of a first and a second switching state.

In particular, the Office objected to the recitation to a first and a second switching state in lines 42 and 43 and 70 of claim 2 and suggested to clarify that these recitations refer back to the switching states recited in line 17 of the claim.

Applicant notes that the switching states referred to in lines 17 and 42 and 43 are the switching states of the first and

second controllable directional valves, while the switching state referred to in lines 70 is the switching state of the third directional valve.

Taking these relationships into account, applicant has amended the claims closely following the Office's suggestion.

In paragraphs 2 and 3, the Office rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the view was expressed that it was unclear whether the "first and second pressurized supply vessels" recited in the last line of the claim are intended to be the same or different from the "pressurized medium supply vessel means" recited in line 6 of claim 1.

In response, applicant has amended claim 4 to make the same dependent from claim 2 and to clarify that the recited first and second pressurized supply vessels are specific embodiments of the pressurized medium supply vessel means.

In paragraph 8, the Office considered claims 2, 3 and 9 allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 2 to overcome the Office's objections. Claim 2 should therefore be allowable. Claims 3 and 9 are dependent from claim 2 and have not been independently objected to so that these claims should also be in condition for allowance. Also, claims 4 to 8 are now all dependent from claim 2 so these too should now be allowable.

In view of the above, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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